

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The rear side of the plugging protruding member 12 is plugged in the front opening 11A and the front side projects forwardly from the front opening 11A to form a projecting plug section. The periphery of the plug section is a plugging face for the mating connector or the receptacle connector 30. The sectional shape of the front periphery of the plugging protruding members 12 taken along ~~with the~~ a plane perpendicular to the plugging direction includes a rectangular or square section in which its width is greater than its height and a circle circular section with its diameter being greater than the height of but smaller than the width of the rectangular section, which are overlapped with each other. The circular section overlaps the central portion of the rectangular section. Accordingly, the plugging protruding member 12 contains a square tubular portion 13 and a cylindrical portion 14.--